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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicant requests a three-month extension of time to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to the outstanding Notice of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal was filed on June 12, 2001 and the period set for filing an Appeal Brief was two months, bringing the response due on August 12, 2001. Therefore, a three-month extension of time will bring the response due on November 12, 2001. Since November 12, 2001 was a Federal holiday, this response is being timely filed on November 13, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. An RCE is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to

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An original and two (2) copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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